

UTILITY WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

All work activities within the public space require appropriate work zone traffic controls to protect the motorist, pedestrians and workers. The degree of controls required will be proportionate to the characteristics of the roadway, its traffic demands and the type and extent of work to be preformed. All required signs shall be placed prior to construction or placing any equipment or materials on site

The permittee shall submit a site specific Traffic Control Plan (TCP) for approval by the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Traffic and Parking Services when the following conditions exist:

- Roadways classified as Arterial and Higher (80' right-of-way or greater)
- Roadways within the business district (Bethesda, Wheaton, and Silver Spring)

The Division of Traffic and Parking Services may consider waiving the requirements if it is determined the roadway is under utilized or if the work activity would not seriously affect traffic. This waiver can be secured by verbal or written request to Mr. John P. Bradley at 240-777-2190.

The site specific TCP shall correctly depict the name of the affected roadways, physical characteristics including the correct number of lanes, turn lanes, pavement markings, parking lanes, medians, traffic islands, posted speed limits as well as all intersecting streets and affected sidewalks within the proposed traffic control plan. The TCP shall identify the proposed work zone and staging areas. The TCP shall identify and provide specific locations for all traffic control devices (i.e. signs, drums, taper lengths, cones, arrow panel, flaggers, etc.), to protect the work zone. The TCP must conform with the provisions set forth in the most recent editions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) Part 6 and the Montgomery County Work Zone Traffic Control Standards Book.

For all work activities meeting any of the following conditions, a site specific TCP is not required. However, the permittee shall comply with the most recent edition of the Montgomery County Work Zone Traffic Control Standards Book.

- Any emergency work activity (i.e. storm damage restoration, defective equipment replacement, malfunction repairs, etc.)
- Maintenance work activities of less than four (4) hours TOTAL duration (i.e.: cable relocations and splicing, streetlight repairs, installing equipment on existing poles, short term manhole work, etc.) which does not involve roadway excavation and does not occupy more than one travel lane in one direction. Work activities within the traveled portion of roadways shall be restricted to the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday, and not on holidays unless written exception is granted in writing by the County Inspector.
- Roadways classified as Primary, Secondary or Tertiary (79' right-of-way or less).